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PASS/ AID/ASIA/BIS BRUSSELS FOR EEC

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAID EAGR BG

SUBJECT: EEC FOODGRAIN SHIPMENTS TO BANGLADESH

- 1. ON APRIL 10 MINISTRY OF FOOD SHARED WITH USAID A
 TELEX DATED 6 APRIL FROM BANGLADESH MISSION IN BRUSSELS
 CONCERNING THE EEC'S PROSPECTIVE SHIPMENT OF 115,000 TONS WHEAT.
 MESSAGE EXPLAINED THAT VESSELS CANNOT BE LOADED BEFORE JULY AT
 EARLIEST AND THEIR ARRIVAL IN BANGLADESH WILL TAKE FOUR TO SIX
 WEEKS. HOWEVER, MESSAGE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THIS SCHEDULE
 WILL NOT BE MET UNLESS BDG AGREES TO MINIMUM COMMERCIAL
 PURCHASE OF 100,000 TONS. ACCORDING TO TELEX, THIS EEC
 REQUIREMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH U.S. RPT U.S. RECOMMENDATIONS.
 THE MESSAGE REQUESTS GUIDANCE FROM MINISTRY OF FOOD DACCA,
 ON SPECIFICALLY THE BDG'S PLANS TO BUY WHEAT ON COMMECIAL
 TERMS IN FY 1978/79. FYI. THE TELEX REFERENCES CORRESPONDENCE
 BETWEEN THE BDG'S MISSION TO EEC AND A MORRIS MACKENZIE,
 WHOM WE ASSUME TO BE IN THE EEC SECRETARIAT. END FYI.
- 2. ASIDE FROM THE MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE EEC IS MISSING ITS PREVIOUSLY AGREED SHIPPING SCHEDULE (I.E., LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY, JUNE), THIS MESSAGE COULD SEND SHOCK WAVES THROUGH THE BDG AS TO U.S. AND/OR EEC'S INTENTIONS.

3. MISSION REQUESTS CONFIRMATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE THAT A UMR FOR WHAT IS NOT RPT U.S. RECOMMENDATION TO EEC. ALSO REQUEST INFO COPY ANY MESSAGE SENT TO U.S. MISSION BRUSSELS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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